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Extract of Notes from File No. 3(120)EC/60 of the Ministry of Finance

Ref. S.No. ()

In this connection US(EC) may kindly see note from p.9/ante. We may agree to the revalidation of sanction for the release of foreign exchange to the extent of Rs.5,000/- Before we do so M/EA may kindly see.

Itd/-
25/11

US(EC)

Sd/-
26.11.68

Ministry of External Affairs
Min. of Finance U.O.No.3(120)EC/60 dated 28-11-68

Ministry of External Affairs
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It is seen from S.No.12 that the request is for remittance of Rs.500/- only. As such, it is not understood why the Department of Economic Affairs propose to revalidate the sanction to the extent of Rs.5000/- ! Obviously, that Department has overlooked the request contained in S.No.12.

The Ministry of External Affairs recommends that the release of foreign exchange of Rs.500/- may be authorised.

Sd/- Y.R.Dhawan
Under Secretary (EA)

Ministry of Finance (Dept. of E.A.)
M.E.A. U/O No. EAD/68, dated Dec., 1968.

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RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
CENTRAL OFFICE
EXCHANGE CONTROL DEPARTMENT
BOMBAY

D.O.No.EC.CT.450/42/68

November 16, 1968
Kartika 25, 1890(S)

My dear Vasudevan,

Please refer to Shri T.J. Ramakrishnan's D.O. letter No. F.3(120)EC/60 dated 25th April, 1965 regarding release of foreign exchange to the extent of Rs.5000/- in favour of Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta, for import of a documentary film from Japan. The Bureau have since advised our Calcutta office that they could not utilise the exchange permit for Rs.5000/- granted to them as the negotiations with the Japanese party fell through. They have, however, now applied for permission to remit Rs.500.00 to Japan towards cost of certain documentary materials already collected by their representative in that country.

We enclose the relative papers for your perusal and return and shall be glad to know whether Government are agreeable to our releasing exchange to the Bureau, as applied for.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- N.K. Datta

Shri V. Vasudevan,
Ministry of Finance,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU
AN INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND POLITICS
NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, Lala Lajpat Rai Road, Calcutta 20.

No. 11/1221/68

June 5, 1968.

The Deputy Controller,
Exchange Control Department,
Reserve Bank of India,
Netaji Subhas Road,
Calcutta-1.

Sub: Foreign Exchange for collection of research
materials relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra
Bose.

Dear Sir,

Please find herewith copy of your letter No. Ref. CA.EC.TPM.1405/494-65 dated the 20th May, 1965 releasing foreign exchange to the extent of Rs.5000/- to Netaji Research Bureau for the import of a documentary film on Netaji Bose from Japan. We did not use the permit at the time as negotiations made on our behalf with the party in Japan fell through.

2. Now, a large number of documentary and photographic material of great historical and research value have been collected on our behalf by our representative in Tokyo. These materials are particularly important for the documentary history of the Azad Hind Movement on which this Bureau is now working. The total expenditure on the items already collected, according to the present rate of exchange, works out to Rs.500/- approximately. If you so desire, I shall be happy to send you a detailed list of the items in question.

3. I request that in view of the fact that foreign exchange to the extent of ;.5000/- had already been released to us in 1965 for importing documentary material of Netaji Bose and that the permit was not utilised by us for very valid reasons, foreign exchange for a limited sum of Rs.500/- only may please be released to us for remittance to Japan immediately against documentary material already collected.

Early action in the matter will oblige.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- Dr. Sisir K. Bose
Executive Director.

LIST OF MATERIALS

I. Pictorial history of the great Orient War - Southeast. p200;
Published from Masu Shotō, all pictures including several
photos of Netaji and INA, battle in Burma and Southeast Asia.
(Expense ₹ 1000)

II. Re-copied documents

- a) Memoirs of General Saburo Isoda - "Brief history of "Hikari"
organ. p 54
- b) Recollection and Reflection - the story of independent
Movement of Burma and India. p.85
(By Mr. Kumio Hogo, ex-advisor to INA).
- all documents are photo - recopied and specially
arranged for NRB.
(expense p.1 cost ₹.50, so p. 139 x 50 = ₹.6950, special
service reward to the library with mechanics and
transportation fee ₹.6000.)

III. Photos

1. Netaji's portrait (cover picture of the Asahi-graph
magazine).
2. Conference with General Hyotaro Kimura, Commander to Burma.
3. Parade before the hotel Pacific in Shanghai (Salute to
Netaji).
4. Specially combined picture of the great orient leaders,
(Tojo, Netaji etc.)
5. Portrait just after his appearance in Tokyo.
6. Meeting with Hitler in Berlin.
7. Press conference in the Imperial Hotel (1943.6.22)
8. Lecture on "My fatherland India" before 400 Japanese
leaders from various circles (at the ~~en~~ head quarters of
Yokusei-Kai, unified political party at that time).

₹.300 for each photo, so ₹.300 x 8 = ₹ 2400.

9. Great Orient leaders' conference (Ba Maw, Netaji, Lamel
together)
10. Parade in Singapore (salute to Netaji).
11. " " " with General Tojo.
12. Singing National anthem in the ceremony of Azad Hind Govt.
13. Listening the report under the flag of independence.
14. At Rangoon airport, meeting with Dr. Ba Maw in his house.
15. Name plate of Azad Hind Govt. meeting with Genl. Kawabe,
Ambassador Sawada.
16. With Cabinet members, M... Rakashumi's speech in the
Women's conference.
17. With President Furuno Inosuke, Domei News Agency (Hibiya,
Domei Office)

₹.400 for each photo. So ₹.400 x 9 = ₹.3600

IV. Book: "The Design of Revolution" by Masahide Shibusawa, p.200

V. Newspaper of "Konoe Diary's discovery, Photo clipping.